easily fill. If the taluk authorities take greater interest in encouraging the leading ryots of the villages, such works will be satisfactorily and easily carried out.

Reply of Government.—The ryots are usually required to do only the earthwork and whenever they do so, the masonry work will be carried out without delay. The reason why the amount is kept in the Savings Bank in the case referred to, will be enquired into and instructions will be issued that the work should be carried out as soon as the full cost of the earthwork is deposited, whenever the ryots prefer to do so. Local officers will be urged to see that the amount allotted to each district is properly worked out and if there is need for additional allotments Government are disposed to consider the matter favorably.

SUBJECT No. 100.

Repairs to minor tanks.

(*a*) Mr. Bhaskar Rao, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The responsibility for earthwork to minor tanks has been thrown entirely upon the ryots. As the ryots pay irrigation cess on the wet and garden lands in their holdings, it is not fair to charge them with the duty of maintaining the tanks and also of paying contribution for the restoration of the same. The earth, stone and masonry work of the tanks should be a charge solely on Government. It is prayed that the ryots may be relieved of this burden.

(*b*) Messrs. B. Alasingrachar and Pyanna, Hassan Municipality, and Maralu Siddappa, Arsikere taluk.

(*b*) It is often observed that the holders of lands just below the bund of minor tanks are not so anxious to do earthwork to the bund as those holding lands far below the same. Unless ryots' share of earthwork is done the Government share of the work will not be put in hand. The result is loss to the holders of lands far below. Pray that the earthwork be done by Government, and the cost thereof be then apportioned among the ryots and recovered as an arrear of land revenue.

Mr. C. Sura Sastri, Chikballapur taluk.—(*c*) The ryots have to bring the earth from a great distance. A reserve of 30 yards may be made near each tank from which the ryots may take the earth.

Mr. Mahalinganná, Hassan taluk.—It is better to take the earth from the tank-bed itself.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) The responsibility cannot be waived. (*b*) No general orders can be passed but if there are difficulties in any special case, they may be brought to notice separately.

SUBJECT No. 101.

Sluices of tanks.

Mr. Bhishto Virupaksha Nadigar, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present mode of constructing sluices for tanks with brick and mortar should be abandoned, and sluices cut out of stone supplied to the tanks as in the Dharwar District. The present sluices get out of repair very soon and much money is wasted

over their repairs at present. The sluices of the Thalekere, Badaga, Sankinkoppa and Guddekoppa tanks were repaired twice in three years and were washed off each time.

Reply of Government.—This is done where stone is easily procurable. The case of the tanks referred to will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 102.

Providing pipes and sluices to branch channels.

Mr. K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam taluk.

Summary of discussion.—To regulate water-supply to lands under branch channels it was prayed last year that pipes or sluices might be provided for them and the Government were pleased to say that such matters should be referred to local authorities. It is prayed that the Government be pleased to levy a cess on the ryots holding lands under such channels and undertake to do the needful, such as providing pipes, doing earthwork and appointing *sowdis* out of the funds so collected.

Mr. Anniah Pandit.—Some of the ryots do not reside in villages near the channel and it is difficult to make them all work together. So wherever a ryot fails to do the work, notice should be given to him that the work should be done within a prescribed period and if he fails to do so, it should be done by Government and the cost recovered from him.

The classification of branch channels is also not satisfactory. Many of the main supply channels are treated as branch channels. A cess may be levied at least in the case of branch channels lower down.

Mr. V. Ramaswamiengar.—No change in the present system is necessary as ryots ought to be able to do the earthwork themselves.

Reply of Government.—The responsibility to maintain branch channels cannot be taken away. If all the ryots agree to pay a cess sufficient to meet the cost of doing the work, it can be undertaken by Government. The ryots have to contribute towards the cost of pipes and sluices required for them.

SUBJECT No. 103.

Distribution of water under the malnad tanks.

Messrs. Karibasiah and Ramachandrappa Dube, Kumsi subtaluk.

Summary of discussion.—Large tanks do not generally exist in the malnad. The existing small ones scarcely contain water sufficient for the hot weather. The well-to-do ryots take precautionary steps to utilize for the growth of sugar-cane and other crops, all the available water to the prejudice of the poorer classes of ryots and leave them at a disadvantage. It is necessary that effective arrangements should be made so as to allow each ryot a sufficient quantity of water from the tanks in proportion to the assessment paid by him. There has been a long-standing dispute in the case of the Aiyanur and Kumsi tanks, which has not been settled for the last ten years.